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PERSONAL.

Mrs. P. J. Masoff, of the North End, is visiting friends in Buffalo. Anthony Russell Dimnick spent yesterday in Honesdale the guests of his parents. Miss Katherine Van Hatten, of Mulberry street, returned Saturday from Central. E. A. Niven, the well known journalist, has assumed the editorship of the Haddon Sentinel. Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Sweet, of North Hyde Park avenue, are visiting friends in New York city. Clifford H. Ridd, of Richmond, Va., is in the city in the interests of the Nine O'Clock Washing tea. Mrs. Alda Ostrau, of Gloversville, N. Y., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crossman, of Throop street. Walter Schmidt, of the Thirteenth regiment hospital corps at Camp Alger, is home on a six days' furlough. James Calpin and John Ruane, of Bellevue, have returned from a trip to New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Patrick Joyce, of Cedar avenue, and Miss Mary Ryan, of Minooka, will be married next Thursday morning at St. Joseph's church, Minooka. The marriage of Miss Katie Donahoe and John A. Nalin, two prominent young folks of the South Side, will be solemnized at St. John's church, Fig street, on Wednesday, June 23. Mr. Nalin is manager for the Casey & Kelly Brewing company. Sergeant Reese and Corporal Newman, of Company F, arrived home last night on a furlough, and they wish to announce that they will meet the ex-members of that company at Jenkins' drug store in Hyde Park tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7 o'clock. A number of employees of the Colliery Engineer enjoyed an outing at Nay Ag park Saturday afternoon, among whom

were the following: Misses Edith Davis, Margaret Moran, Laura Lewis, Agnes Garrity, Nettie Dugan, Lizzie Ross, Mayme Graham, Jennie Williams, Mary Martin, Carrie Singer, Helen Jones, Minnie Coleman, Edie Maurer.

SOUVENIR POSTAGE STAMPS.

Issued to Commemorate the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha. At the postoffice Saturday a consignment of the new Trans-Mississippi exposition series of postage stamps were received from Washington. They are intended to commemorate the exposition at Omaha, Neb., and consist of the following denominations: \$2, 10, 15, 20-cent, ten-cent, two-cent and one-cent. The amount of stamps received were: One-cent, ten thousand; two-cent, fifty thousand; ten-cent, ten thousand; fifteen-cent, five thousand; eight-cent, two thousand; four-cent, one thousand; fifty-cent, \$1 ten; \$2 ten. The engraving on the one-cent stamp represents "Marquette on the Mississippi." The color of the stamp is dark green. Copper red is the color of the two-cent stamp and the engraving represents "Farming in the West." The designs and colors of the other stamps are as follows: Four-cent, "Indian Hunting Buffalo"; eight-cent, "Trips Guarding Train"; dark blue, "Hardships of Emigration"; slate, "Western Mining Prospector"; olive, \$1, "Western Cattle in Storm"; black, \$2, "Mississippi Bridge"; light brown, \$5, "The Stamps are much larger than those ordinarily used.

PARADE OF CENTURY COMPANY.

Attracted a Good Deal of Attention on Saturday Night. Century Hose company, No. 10, of the city fire department, paraded the central city streets Saturday night to advertise the company's carnival and picnic at Central park Wednesday afternoon and evening. The parade was one of the best of its kind seen in years. Thirty of the company's best drilled men in uniform in command of Captain James O'Hara and Chief Hickey, headed by the Forest band, made up the first division. Then came a large number of men carrying Chinese lanterns, ex-District Chief Schwass with the chief's carriage, the company's hose wagon brilliantly decorated and a wagon covered with streamers advertising the fire ladders picnic. The procession was roundly cheered along the line of march and especially at the quarters of the Crystal and Noy Ag companies. In passing these points, fireworks were set off and the bells on the apparatus were sounded long and loud. The annual outing of the Century's Wednesday, it is expected, will be a great success. Delegations of firemen from out of town will be present and Chief St. John will head the Wilkes-Barre contingent.

OFFICERS CHOSEN AT ALTOONA.

Selected by Convention of Episcopal Church of Central Pennsylvania. At the convention of the Episcopal diocese of Central Pennsylvania in Altoona last week Rev. Rogers Jones, of this city; Rev. George C. Foley, of Williamsport; Rev. Dr. Henry L. Jones, of Wilkes-Barre and Rev. Dr. J. P. Powers, of Pottsville, were elected as the clerical delegates to represent this diocese at the national convention of the church at Washington in October. The lay deputies chosen were Messrs. R. A. Mercer, H. M. North, L. D. W. R. Butler and C. M. Clement. The members of the standing committee of the diocese who are called the Bishop's cabinet by outsiders to describe their functions, are, as before: Revs. M. A. Tolman, W. P. Ordick, D. D. H. L. Jones, D. D. J. Edward Pratt and C. Morrison. The lay members elected are: Messrs. G. E. Paughlar, H. M. North, L. J. D. A. Holland, A. N. Cleaver, H. B. Meredith, M. D.

TRI-COUNTY C. E. CONVENTION.

Arrangements Completed for Holding It Here on Friday. The annual convention of the Tri-County Christian Endeavor union will be held in this city next Friday. Among the prominent speakers to be heard are Rev. I. J. Lansing, D. D., recently of Boston, Mass., now of Scranton, who will preach the convention sermon, and Rev. George B. Stewart, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa., ex-president of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor union and chairman of 1898 committee for state convention to be held at Harrisburg in October, will be the evening speaker. John T. Watkins will sing. The officers of the union are: Rev. J. E. Flack, president, Plymouth; Rev. J. E. Wagner, vice-president, Hazleton; Miss Della P. Evans, secretary, Scranton; J. C. Manning, treasurer, Pittston; executive committee, J. C. Manning, chairman, Pittston; John E. Rosser, Kingston; Miss Louise Stark, Wilkes-Barre.

SET HER BED AFIRE.

Mrs. Hartman Was Later Examined and Pronounced Insane. Mrs. Hartman, a woman whose home was on Paul street, Petersburg, set fire to a bed tick Saturday in an attempt to destroy her home. Police headquarters was notified and placed the woman under arrest. Physicians examined Mrs. Hartman and pronounced her insane. She was taken to the insane department of the Hillside Home.

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REV. R. F. Y. PIERCE ACCEPTS THE CALL

Became Pastor of Penn Avenue Baptist Church Yesterday.

HIS FORMAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE WAS READ DURING YESTERDAY MORNING'S SERVICE—ACCORDING TO PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS MR. PIERCE WILL LECTURE DURING TWO BIG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND WILL AID EVANGELIST MOODY.

Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce yesterday accepted the call extended to him June 18 to become pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church. He made known his acceptance in the following letter which he read at the conclusion of his morning sermon: To the Officers and Members of Penn Avenue Baptist Church, Scranton, Pa. Dear Brethren: I have been informed of the official action of the church, taken at the special meeting held Wednesday evening, June 18, 1898, in which the church formally, yet most cordially, extended to me a call to the pastorate. Your action has been very much appreciated and I desire to thank you for your Christian confidence and for the honor conferred by this invitation to become your pastor. Such a relationship must not be entered into, however, without mature thought and most prayerful consideration. Your kind invitation of last April to serve the church as pastor, I accepted for a few weeks, and my coming to be with you for a season, was manifestly of the Lord's leading and beyond all human planning. Your cordial greeting, your Christian encouragement, and finally your most earnest call to the pastorate have impressed me deeply. The great field for Christian labor, the apparent readiness to respond to the Master's call for service on your part, and the spiritual fervor and official authority of the officers, men and membership of the church in extending the call, all indicate a providential guidance, and make plain the duty of the hour.

RICHLY BLESSED.

I have been richly blessed in soul-winning in this city. I have been able to do so much of my church activities doubtless afford great opportunities for evangelistic work, and I am led to believe that you will encourage your pastor in all his evangelizing efforts. I am especially glad to accord him the privilege of soul-winning service with brother pastors when the home interests are not so masterfully affected. After careful reflection and earnest prayer for divine guidance I have been led to believe that it is the will of our Lord and Master to accept of my call to the church, and I do hereby gratefully and reverently accept the office which you have prayerfully and with Christian cordiality tendered me. I am entering to be a sharer in the faithful labors of the men of God who have labored with you in other days and to be a co-laborer with you in the harvest fields of God in the coming days. With this acceptance I can but assure you of my heart's best service. Having no selfish aims or ambitions I shall seek in all my ministry to glorify in the winning of souls to Him, and the upbuilding of His church, and the spread of His kingdom. From you I shall ever hope to receive Christian encouragement, prayerful sympathy and loyal and loving support in all my service for Christ and the church. Praying that we may thus be one in interest, one in heart, and one in Christ Jesus our Lord, always bearing each other's burdens and sharing each other's joys, I am, beloved in the Lord, your pastor, R. F. Y. Pierce, Scranton, Pa., June 18, 1898.

TE CLOSING HYMN.

Immediately following the reading of the letter the doxology was sung. Prayer was then offered by Mr. Pierce and the incident closed with the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds." Mr. Pierce did not tie to Scranton as a pastoral candidate in any sense, but he was pleased the members of the congregation by his ardent religious spirit, energy and many other estimable qualities that the call when suggested was tendered with an enthusiasm and unanimity that has never been excelled in a large Scranton church.

According to engagements made some time ago, Mr. Pierce will attend the international Christian Endeavor convention at Nashville and deliver a course of daily lectures from July 6 to 11; he will also deliver several lectures during the international convention of the Baptist Young People's union at Buffalo from July 14 to 17. By vote of the church he will be given a vacation in August. During a portion of this month he will be given Evangelist Moody in the big army camps at Tampa, Chickamauga and Falls Church.

Mrs. Pierce and their 8-year-old daughter, Bessie, will be in Scranton this week to remain a few days before going to Springfield, Mass., for the summer. A son, Charles P. Pierce, has just graduated from Temple college, Philadelphia, where he has completed a commercial course.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

Annual Commencement Exercises on Thursday at Albright Library. The fourth annual commencement of the Lackawanna Hospital Training school for nurses will be held next Thursday evening at Albright Library hall. Dr. W. G. Fulton will deliver the address to the graduates, and there will be an address by Rev. D. J. MacGouldrick. Rev. Rogers Israel will deliver the invocation and impart benediction. James P. Dickson, president of the hospital, will present the diploma to the graduates. There will be five graduates as follows: Misses Susan P. Dodge, Frances T. Drinker, Ella R. Tigus and Elizabeth Hoffman.

PREPARING FOR LABOR DAY.

Executive Committee Has Begun Arranging for the Celebration. The executive committee for arranging the celebration of Labor Day next September in Scranton held its first meeting Saturday evening in the office of the business agent of the Scranton Building Trades Council. One half of the members of this committee were elected by the Building Trades Council and the other half by Central Labor Union. The joint committee organized by electing the following officers: P. J. Thomas, chairman; J. J. Coolican, secretary; M. D. Flaherty, treasurer. It was proposed to open recruiting offices in several parts of the city for drilling all laborers, mechanics and others who wish to take part in the

WRECK ON THE CENTRAL RAILROAD

Engineer Richard McHale and News Agent Charles Ebner Killed.

TRAIN LEFT THIS CITY AT 2:15 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND SIX MILES BELOW MAUCH CHUNK THE RAILS SPREAD AND THE ENGINE, BAGGAGE CAR AND SMOKE LEFT THE TRACK—NONE OF THE PASSENGERS INJURED. The fast Jersey Central passenger train which left this city at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon was wrecked near Mauch Chunk, Pa., and the engineer, Richard McHale, of South Easton, and news agent, Charles Ebner, of South Easton, were killed. Wilfred Yeomans, the fireman, and Charles Taylor, the baggage master, both of Easton, were very badly hurt. The train was east bound and while rounding a curve at a lively rate the rails spread and the engine, baggage car and smoke left the track. The remaining three cars of the train stopped before they reached the broken rails. The engine plowed into the embankment. McHale remained at the throttle and was frightfully crushed between the engine and the embankment. He died in a few moments. Yeoman was cut about the head and body, but it is believed he will recover.

BAGGAGE CAR WRECKED.

The baggage car was smashed to splinters and the roof and other portions of it flew upon the embankment, along which runs the Lehigh Valley track and struck a moving passenger train on that track. The Lehigh Valley train, however, was not damaged. Ebner and Taylor were conversing in the baggage car when the crash came. The former was cut and bruised and his legs were both broken and mangled. He died at Mauch Chunk, where he was taken. Taylor's breast is bruised and he is believed to be internally injured. He is in the Easton hospital. The smoker tumbled into the Lehigh river. There were about a dozen passengers in the car, but all escaped. Some were painfully cut and bruised and all are suffering from the shock. McHale leaves a large family of children. Ebner was married only a few months.

HAS RELATIVES HERE.

Engineer McHale was an uncle of John A. Nalin, of this city, manager of the Casey & Kelly Brewing company. News of the accident was telegraphed McHale's Scranton relatives last night. Word was also received here that Fireman Yeomans could not live. Ebner, the news agent, made this city the terminus of one of his runs. Families made at the railroad depot of the Jersey Central road last night elicited no information beyond the statement that none of the passengers were hurt.

N'BRIDE'S AUCTION.

McBride's Auction, 713, 715, 717 West Lackawanna Avenue, will sell Tuesday, Rain or Shine. Will sell Tuesday, June 21, at 10 a. m., horses, carriages and harness. Among them will be the celebrated Rupee (Stallie, Brown-Gullee), 4 years old, 15 1/2 hands high, warranted sound and bred in all harness, sired by Rupee 211, by Guy Wilkes, dam Ruby by Miss Roberge, 2234, city bred, extra fine action, will make a grand roadster or a good race horse. While he has no mark, he showed a 2:30 gait as a two-year-old and a 2:20 gait as a four-year-old. Will positively be sold without reserve at 11 o'clock sharp. Will also sell fifteen others, drivers and workers, to suit all business. Will also sell handsome horses, carriages, etc. Will sell them all without reserve. Bring me your horses, carriages, harness, etc., and I will sell them for you at the highest price paid in Scranton, at a small commission. Come and get bargains at McBride's auction mart, West Lackawanna avenue.

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Republican Convention of the Twentieth Senate District.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Republican standing committee of the Twentieth senatorial district a convention to nominate a candidate for the state senate to represent said district will be held at the Central Republican club rooms, Price building, Washington avenue, in the city of Scranton, on Tuesday, June 21, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. P. E. Kilcullen, Secretary, Chairman. Walter Briggs, Secretary.

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Walter Smith, of the regular army, who some time ago was detailed to the Thirteenth regiment as acting steward of the hospital, is spending a six day furlough at his home, 421 Penn avenue. Last evening his friends tendered him a dinner at the Windsor hotel. He will leave Tuesday morning to rejoin the regiment at Camp Alger. J. Frank Siegel's Summer night socials. Second of the series Thursday evening, June 23. Former patrons and their friends invited. Orchestra. Grand Opening tonight at Hotel Feldman, formerly Washington House, corner of Penn avenue and Mulberry street. Louis Feldman, proprietor. Steam Heating and Plumbing. P. F. & M. T. Howley, 231 Wyoming ave.

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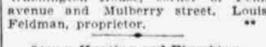
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